



Meeting Summary

NAS Fort Worth JRB Regional Coordination Committee January 22, 2018 1:30 p.m.

Fort Worth Mounted Patrol Building 1901 N. Las Vegas Trail Fort Worth, Texas 76108

The Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base (NAS Fort Worth JRB) Regional Coordination Committee (RCC) convened at 1:30 pm on January 22, 2018. The meeting was hosted by the City of Fort Worth at the Fort Worth Mounted Patrol Building.

Voting Members in Attendance

Councilmember Dennis Shingleton, Chair, City of Fort Worth
Randy Skinner, Treasurer, Tarrant County
Joe Ashton, Secretary, City of River Oaks
Jack Adkison, Immediate Past Chair, City of River Oaks
Stacey Almond, City of Lake Worth
Councilmember Larry Marshall, City of Benbrook
Mayor Mike Coleman, City of Westworth Village
Jeff James, City of White Settlement
Councilmember Paul Moore, City of White Settlement
Sterling Naron, City of Westworth Village
Paul Paine, City of Fort Worth

Non-Voting Members in Attendance

Dan Kessler, NCTCOG
Tina Nikolic, Tarrant Regional Water District
Sandip Sen, Fort Worth Transportation Authority
Captain Johnathan Townsend, NAS Fort Worth JRB

Others Present

James Myrick, River Oaks
Dan Hisholm, River Oaks
Jim Driggs, FW/RIDGMAR
Matthew Church, GFWAR
Alex Busken, Benbrook
Andy Hochenbran, YMCA Camp Carter
Jim Hinderacker, City of Benbrook
Dan Novak, Westworth Village
Jocelyn Murphy, City of Fort Worth
Doug Howard, City of Benbrook
Laura Evans, City of Fort Worth
Jennifer Hall, City of Benbrook
Kristen Vandergriff, Office of Congresswoman Kay Granger

NCTCOG Staff in Attendance

Rebekah Hernandez, NCTCOG
Kate Marshall, NCTCOG
Ernest Huffman, NCTCOG



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Meeting Summary Outline

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of October 17, 2017 Meeting Summary
3. Legislative Update
4. UAS Integration Pilot Program
5. Development Review Tool Update and Sound Attenuation Information
6. NAS Fort Worth JRB Update
7. Administrative Updates
 - Financial Update
 - Scheduling Update
 - West Tarrant Alliance Update
 - PLCM Transportation Implementation Update
 - Media Alerts
 - Attendance Report
8. Public Comments

Item 1. Pledge of Allegiance, Welcome and Introductions:

Councilmember Dennis Shingleton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30. Councilmember Shingleton led the Pledge of Allegiance and then made opening remarks. Introductions were made around the room.

Item 2. Approval of the October 16, 2017 Meeting Summary (Action):

Councilmember Dennis Shingleton, Chair, asked if there were comments on the October, 2017, meeting summary. The Committee has no changes. Councilmember Shingleton motioned to accept the summary and Councilmember Larry Marshall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Item 3. Legislative Update:

Rebekah Hernandez gave the Legislative Update and began by informing the RCC that the US Congress was voting on a three week extension to end the shutdown that day. Following the announcement about the shutdown Rebekah discussed H.R. 2810 (National Defense Authorization Act for FY2018), specifically Sec. 1092 that was signed into law on December 12, 2017, and enhances collaboration between the Department of Defense and the Federal Aviation Administration on unmanned aircraft systems. The law would require drone users to register their aircrafts with the FAA for a fee of \$5.00. (The committee then heard a brief description of the drone situation that occurred on the base, which is detailed further in the NAS Fort Worth JRB Section). Rebekah gave an update on the recent interim charges in the Texas Legislature that involved defense and veteran affairs. There is also an upcoming hearing for the Texas Senate Veterans Affairs and Border Security Committee on February 7, 2018 in San Antonio to identify opportunities to promote the strategic importance of military installations in Texas and study the impact of the Aviation, Aerospace, & Defense manufacturing industry on the economic vitality of military installations and communities.



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Rebekah reminded the Committee that the 86th legislature would be convening next year, however bill filing will begin in November. The RCC should be considering its legislative position in light of the upcoming legislature and upcoming UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) policies. Rebekah gave a timeline of the legislative policy position agenda leading up to January 2019. Chairman Shingleton reaffirmed the need for actively seeking policy in the next legislative session.

Item 4. UAS Integration Pilot Program:

Ernest Huffman presented on the UAS (Unmanned Aircraft Systems) Pilot Program participation in Texas. The goal of the program is for government entities to partner with private sector entities to accelerate UAS Operations. A total of five teams will be selected out of all teams that applied to integrate UAS into the National Airspace. The Governor of Texas is supporting a collaboration between surrounding states and organizations called TALON. The team includes Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, universities, private companies and local entities. The Governor's office will brief the Air Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) on February 1, 2018. March 2018 is when the final candidates will be selected. Ernest was told that he should come to the upcoming RCC meetings due to the UAS topic becoming more prominent in policy decisions.

Item 5. Development Review Tool Update and Sound Attenuation Information:

Kate Marshall and Rebekah Hernandez were the presenters on this item. Kate gave the Development Review Tool Update on the project that was entered from the City of Benbrook. The project is a parcel zoned for single family use and requested a zoning exception for multifamily townhomes. The property is located in the 65dcb noise contour and therefore, will require special sound attenuation measures. The comments were accepting of the development as long as there was sound attenuation measures being taken in the development. The committee recommended that the City of Benbrook consider getting a letter from the builder acknowledging the noise and decibel levels. Kate then opened up the floor to RCC members about whether the Development Review Tool required in-person orientations or if an email would suffice. There were mixed comments about new users becoming familiar with the Tool. Cities with staff that are well versed in the tool should be able to manage but cities with newer staff will benefit from in-person meetings to learn about the Tool.

Rebekah and Dan Kessler also opened up the floor for questions concerning how the cities make sure that sound attenuation is being added to the developments after recommendations are made. Jocelyn Murphey (City of Fort Worth) said that there was no way to know if it was for sure being added except trusting that the inspectors are looking for it.

Kate then gave a brief preview of sound attenuation requirements, which will be explored at a later meeting. The 2018 Building Codes and Energy Codes have been released and NCTCOG amendments to the codes will be coming out in the summer of 2018. Cities should aim to update their building codes when possible so that they are using the latest and most energy efficient regulations.



Item 6. NAS Fort Worth JRB Update

Captain Townsend gave an update about a situation that occurred on the base in early January involving an UAS. A drone crashed onto a taxiway located in the installation. It is unknown who was operating the drone but after the investigation, it was concluded that the drone was most likely purchased from a nearby Wal-Mart, unpackaged, and flown near the installation. The users are said to have lost control of the aircraft and could no longer control where it landed. The story sparked a discussion amongst the RCC about furthering policy that regulates drone usage around military installations and getting local law enforcement on board with increased surveillance. There was no signs prohibiting drone usage but users should know about the rule. The problem is that they cannot enforce the drones coming on to the base but they can increase surveillance. Local law enforcement will need to help with keeping an eye out for this.

Captain Townsend continued by giving an overview of the 2017 Texas Commanders Council Meeting with Governor Abbott and Texas Military Preparedness Commission meeting that occurred earlier in December, 2017. He provided a link for anyone wishing to view the presentations: <https://gov.texas.gov/organization/military/texas-military-summit>. Upcoming calendar items include the Solid Curtain Training Jan. 29-Feb. 2, The Citadel Shield Training Feb. 5-9 and the RCC Luncheon with the Commanding Officer in April or May. He concluded with a furlough update. The impact on the Base from Saturday's Government Shutdown is not dire, only about 30 folks had to go home, no immediate impacts and safety personnel is still working. Dennis Shingleton inquired as to whether there are any annexation topics we should look into.

Item 7. Administrative Updates:

- a) **Financial Update:** Chairman Shingleton remarked on the distribution of the DEAGG Grant and that the NAS Fort Worth JRB was not a candidate selected. Future Grants and means of funding will continue to be a top priority for the RCC. Dan Kessler updated the Committee on the financial statement of the RTC Local funds the RCC is operating on. The total revenue for FY2018 was 41,500 and the total revenue for FY 2019 is 41,500 with an expected surplus of 2,700. He assured the Committee that they were in good standing financially.
- b) **Scheduling Update:** Rebekah Hernandez provided a list of the upcoming RCC meeting dates with the next one being on April 16, 2017, 1:30pm at a location TBD in Lake Worth.
- c) **West Tarrant Alliance Update:** The next Western Tarrant Alliance Meeting will be on February 1, 2018 in Lake Worth.
- d) **PLCM Transportation Implementation Update:** Dan gave an update using the most recent PLCM Map and Projects. SH 183 is under design as well as SH 199. Lake Worth sent a letter approval for Azle Ave Project. Las Vegas trail project is also underway.
- e) **Media Alerts:** Found in the back of packets distributed
- f) **Attendance Reports**

Item 8. Public Comments

Councilmember Dennis Shingleton, Chair, thanked individuals for coming and meeting adjourned at 2:53pm.